

Fix the Definition in Bill C-6

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Honorable members of the Justice Committee

Thank you for the work you are doing to protect the vulnerable members of society.

I want to encourage you all and pray that God will bless your work to the honor and glory of his name.

I am requesting you consider amendments to this piece of legislation that will only strengthen the aim of the legislation, which is to ban coercion therapy that is or can be extremely harmful to those seeking help.

Please ban coercive and degrading practices that are designed to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Please ensure that laws do not discriminate against Canadians that limit what services they can receive based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

As parents are, and through the generations have been, the most important guides and teachers that children need to guide them through life's challenges, please allow them to speak to their children about sexuality and gender as well as setting house rules about sex and relationships. Parents have truly been the care givers and providers that love and protect their children and historically love them more than any therapist or councilor society can provide. I understand there are exceptions to this, but do not take this to mean that all children need to be protected from their parents.

Please allow free and open conversations about sexuality and sexual behavior.

The way to ensure this can continue is to consider an amendment that clarifies and strengthens the definition of "conversion therapy".

Please do not criminalize professional and religious counseling that is voluntarily requested and consented to by LGBTQ2 Canadians.

Laws have impacts and they can be positive on all of society. To be effective the key words need to be clearly understood by all those making the law as well as those that need to follow the law, both now and far into the future.

Again, thank you for your work and may God grant wisdom.